Indian Education Service

2581. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to constitute an "Indian Education Service', on the lines of All India Civil Services, to bring professionalism in educational management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, what is their response to the proposal; and

(e) the time-frame by which the service would be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (e)The National Policy on Education, 1986 as modified in 1992, envisages establishment of Indian Education Service as an all-India Service to bring a national perspective in management of education.The basic principles, functions and procedures of recruitment to this Service are to be decided in consultation with the State Governments. It has, however, not been possible to arrive at a consensus in this regard.

Stock verification in KV libraries

2582. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

"(a} whether it is a fact that an annual stock verification is undertaken in libraries of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, whether any standard methodology has been prescribed therefor;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of methodology of condemnation of unserviceable books, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA: (a) to (c) As informed by KVS, the physical verification of articles in stock in the

library room is conducted once in a year as per provisions contained under Article 186 of Accounts Code for KVS (Edition 2000).This verification is conducted in the month of April after the annual examinations are over. The excess or shortage noticed as a result of verifications is investigated thoroughly.

(d) As per Article 187 of Accounts Code for KVS, the report of Ihe losses/breakage of all kind of stores (including library books) is considered by the Executive Committee of Vidyalaya Management Committee who has full powers upto Rs. 50,000/- in a year to condemn the store of all kinds. Cases involving fraud, embezzlement, misappropriation or theft is dealt with at KVS Headquarters level which inquires into the matter.

Assistance from a UK University

2583. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether help of a university in UK has been sought for Government schools, for effecting improvement in education system as Indian universities had failed to respond;

(b) if so, what type of assistance has been asked for from the foreign university;

(c) the details of Bridge School Programme proposed to be launched for the purpose; and

(d) whether any kind of financial implications are involved; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Mo, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal with the Central Government to launch any Bridge School Programme.